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Subject Fire Services Reform

Dear Assistant Clerk Committees

I am Danny Gunn, Station Officer at MFB. I have been at MFB for 15 years, 5 years as an Officer.

Currently I am USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) Heavy Rescue, HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials) and Long Duration Breathing Apparatus trained.

I also have hold the National Emergency Medal, National Long and Good Service medal, and MFB Long and Good Service medal.

I live in Mount Martha, Victoria and currently work in Malvern.

I also volunteered in my community as a Commissaire of my local Cycling club. I have been accredited for 5 years. I was also a member of the committee at this club for 2 years.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons.

- Firefighter safety on the fireground.

Guaranteed that two trucks with at least 7 firefighters will be dispatched within 8 minutes. This ensures a swift 'get to work' active firefight with confidence, in the early stages of a fire, when the greatest opportunity for a better outcome is likely. It provides a level of certainty that could be the difference of life and death.

- Better community protection.

Having more resources at the ready will ensure a greater coverage of well trained firefighters that are 'ready to respond' in a matter of seconds... not minutes, if at all. In a number of growing communities that were once filled with market gardens but now consist of industry, hospitals, chemical storage, residential growth including young families and the elderly, there is a need to provide more firefighters to be ready to respond to a greater amount of emergencies, not just bush fires, than ever before.

- No effect on Volunteer Brigades of Bushfire response.

There will be no negative effect on volunteer brigades or bushfire protection or response in rural communities as this will be business as usual. The surge capacity and firefighting in these areas will not be effected. Only the 35 integrated stations will. Largely, providing the highly urbanised communities greater protection.

- The reform will assist with standardisation of career training, specialist response, response standards and equipment. Having all firefighters in Urban areas with standardised equipment and training allows for a greater more flexible work force and reliability.


- The reform will benefit volunteers as it has included a package to assist with volunteer recruitment and retention across the CFA; and includes funding for volunteer station upgrades.

Please consider my opinion in making your final decision.

Kind regards,

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